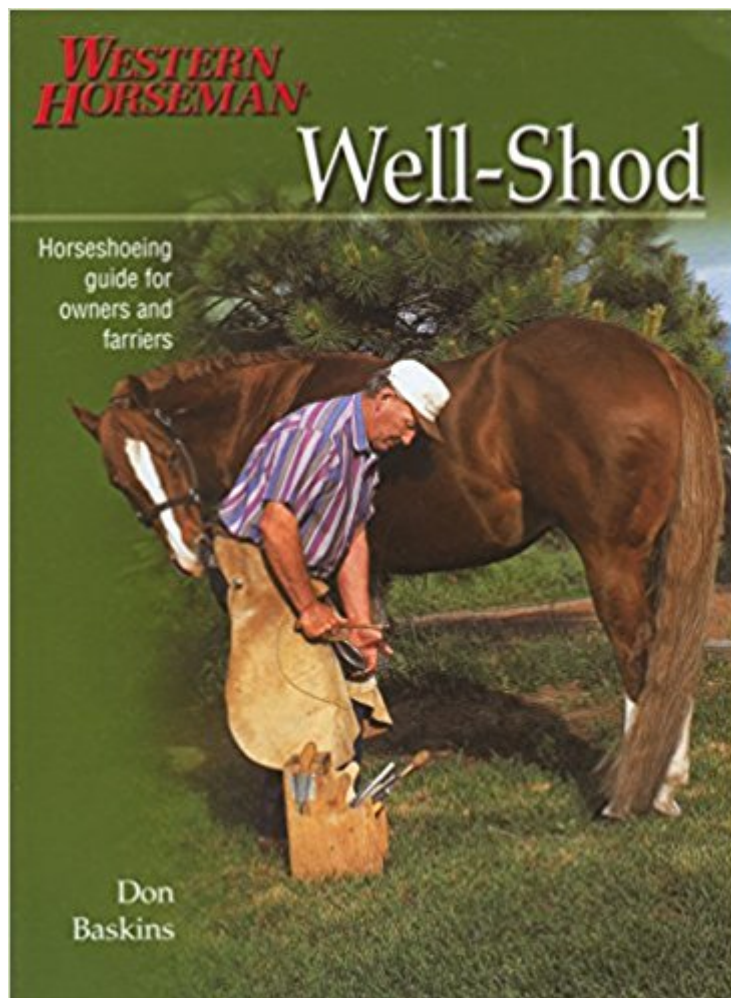




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Synopsis

Readers can use this book as a guide to learn whether their horses are being shod properly or use it to learn to shoe their own horses. The book stresses good horse handling techniques and proper trimming. Correct trimming of the feet is the basis of good shoeing, and neither can be accomplished if the horseshoer cannot get the horse to stand still long enough to work on him-thus the importance of handling. To get really proficient at horseshoeing, it takes a lot of practice trimming and shoeing a lot of different horses. This book covers all the basics in plain, simple language, lavishly illustrated, and diagrammed.

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"Don Baskins has been able to combine a bright mind that understands horses with the eye of an artist, an unbelievable work ethic, unlimited stamina and a desire to become the best horseshoer in the business. When I taught equine science at both Colorado State University and Texas Tech University, I often had Don speak to my classes. He was always a favorite of the students. Students always left with not just an enhanced knowledge of horses and horseshoeing, but with a little bit of life, as well. I think you will have the same experience when you read this book." Jim Heird, Fort Collins, Colo., horse show competitor and judge, associate dean and director of academic programs, College of Agricultural Science, Colorado State University.

Don Baskins studied other horseshoers at work and he studied the old Cavalry and other horseshoeing manuals. He spent his time in the United States Marine Corps as the military's horseshoer. After his discharge from the Marines, he worked in California shoeing a variety of gaited horses, harness and show ponies, perfecting his forge work along the way. He settled in Tucumcari, New Mexico, where he and his wife Oda raised their family and operated his business. He is in demand as a traveling shoer, working a five-state region and is often flying in to shoe horses for loyal clients.

This book was obviously written by someone who has been doing the trade for a long time. It is well organized. He begins with an introduction about himself then starts the book out from a little horse philosophy, approaching the horse, handling the horse as gently as possible. Goes over the tools of the trade and his experiences with them. I got this book to trim my own horses hoofs and I've learned a lot just to chapter 3. I do recommend you start at the beginning and read it through. It is a great reference book also.. It has a really nice horse shoe index in the back of the book. Mr. Don Haskins has done a superb job putting this into print.

As I changed farriers and also got a new horse who has some hoof issues , I realized how much I just let my shoer do without asking or learning why. This book is great to really inform any person on some important details of farriery. I will pass it on to my new farrier who is young and working alot. Good tricks and theories that he may be able to use.

This book did not give enough info on correct trimming. Detailed info for shoeing, but without a good trim first, why put shoes on?- I feel I wasted my money.

I bought this book for my boyfriend who is a farrier. He found a lot of helpful tips in this book along with new ideas that he didn't learn in school. He even used one of the behavior modification tips yesterday and it worked great! He also appreciates how the author writes in a very simple, straight forward way that is easy to understand.

very good for new horse owner

Already knew about 50 percent of the information in this book, was hoping for a more detailed reference.

Interesting book

I have officially trimmed my horses hooves thanks to this book! Very informative and useful

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